

Montana Land Cover Atlas

3170 Moderate / High Cover Grasslands

DOMINANT SPECIES

Bluebunch Wheatgrass (*Agropyron spictatum*)
Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
Carex species (*Carex spp.*)
Green Needlegrass (*Stipa viridula*)
Indian grass (*Sorghum nutans*)
Little Bluestem (*Andropogon scoparium*)
Needle & Thread grass (*Stipa comata*)
Prairie Sandreed (*Calamovilfa longifolia*)
Switchgrass (*Panicum virgotum*)
Timothy (*Poa pratensis*)
Western Wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*)



DESCRIPTION

Moderate to high cover grasslands with total grass cover from 50-100%. Dominated by medium to tall grasses in prairie areas. Grasslands with production ranges from 1000-7000 lb/ac. Associated with wet sites.

TOTAL AREA	ELEVATION
1,236,660 hectares	542 - 3071 m range
196,470 patches	1162 m mean
3.25 % of state	

STATE RANGE

Occurs primarily in central and eastern Montana valleys.

